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 Blackstone Medical, Inc.
 Blackstone™ "Classic"
 Anterior Cervical Plate
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510(K) SUMMARY OF SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS

Name of Firm: Blackstone Medical, Inc.
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510(k) Contact: Alan Lombardo
 Director of Engineering

Trade Name: Blackstone™ "Classic" Anterior Cervical Plate

Common Name: Cervical Plating Instrumentation

**Device Product Code
& Classification:** KWQ 888.3060 - Spinal Intervertebral Body Fixation
 Orthosis

**Substantially
 Equivalent Devices:**

Blackstone™ III° Anterior Cervical Plating System (K012184)
 Blackstone™ Anterior Cervical Plate System (K974885)

Device Description:

The Blackstone™ "Classic" Anterior Cervical Plate is a titanium alloy; multiple component system comprised of a variety of non-sterile, single use components that allow the surgeon to build an anterior cervical implant construct. The system is attached to the anterior aspect of the vertebral body by means of screws to the cervical spine. The system consists of an assortment of screws, plates and associated instrumentation, which assists in the surgical implantation of the devices.

Intended Use / Indications for Use:

The Blackstone Medical Inc. "Classic" Anterior Cervical Plate is a temporary implant, intended for anterior fixation to the cervical spine from C2 to C7. The specific clinical indications include:

- a) degenerative disc disease (ddd)*
 *As defined as back pain of discogenic origin with degenerative disc confirmed by patient history and radiographic studies;
- b) spondylolisthesis;
- c) fracture;
- d) spinal stenosis;
- e) deformities (i.e., scoliosis, kyphosis, and/or lordosis);
- f) tumor;
- g) pseudoarthrosis;
- h) revision of previous surgery

BASIS OF SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCE:

The Blackstone™ “Classic” Anterior Cervical Plate System by its very nature is substantially equivalent to the Blackstone™ III° Anterior Cervical Plating System (K012184) and the Blackstone™ Anterior Cervical Plate System (K974885). The FDA has cleared this device, for anterior fixation to the cervical spine from C2 to C7.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Mr. Alan Lombardo
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Re: K022965
Trade Name: Blackstone "Classic" Anterior Cervical Plate System
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 888.3060
Regulation Name: Spinal intervertebral body fixation orthosis
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: KWQ
Dated: January 2, 2003
Received: January 3, 2003

Dear Mr. Lombardo:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

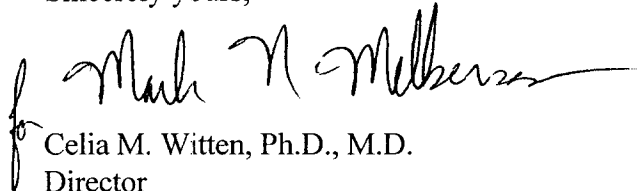
Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

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This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-___. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html>

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Celia M. Witten", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Celia M. Witten, Ph.D., M.D.

Director

Division of General, Restorative
and Neurological Devices

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Radiological Health

Enclosure

510(k) Number: K022965

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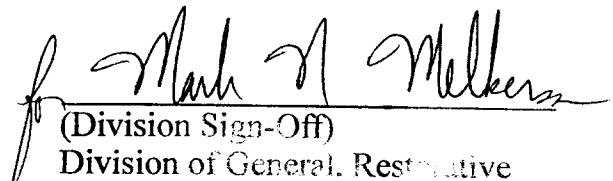
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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)


(Division Sign-Off)
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